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1. The Coal Fuel Research Institute (Uhelný průzkum paliv) in Ostrava, known as the Geological Research Institute for Fuels until 1953, employs 450 people, including 15 drilling teams. It operates in Moravia only. Some of the drilling machines used by the company are of Soviet manufacture. They are of poor finish, clumsy, and made of poor material.
2. Only about 20% of all the employees are registered C.P. members, but even these disagree with Party policies concerning their place of work. In fact, the only reliable Communists are senior officials, cadre officials, and informers. In 1951, Miroslav Bardon, a Communist of long standing and an idealist, was appointed worker-manager. Although he was generally liked, he was fired in December 1953. His successor is a very ardent Communist, Eng. Prazsky (fnu), who is despised by everybody because he has been responsible for a stiffening of norms and consequently for a decrease in wages. The cadre official in Bedřich Kolar, an StB informer.
3. [redacted] a working team [redacted] in October 1953, discovered large lignite deposits, about 20 meters under the surface at Hladke Zivotice (P 50/O 37), 30 km. southwest of Ostrava, near Studenka.
4. In November 1953, trial drills near Andelska Hora, 68 km. NNW of Ostrava, led to the discovery of rich uranium deposits at a depth of 500 meters. Military patrols were immediately summoned to this area and Russian and Czech experts called in from Jachymov. [redacted] the matter was treated as secret [redacted]
5. In the Andelska Hora area a rich deposit of iron ore with 45% red iron ore was also found and mining begun immediately.

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